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## Liquor Control Commission October Underage Compliance Report

SPRINGFIELD – In October of 2017, the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) conducted compliance checks around the state and visited 76 businesses licensed to sell liquor. They cited 9 for violations of liquor control laws.

This is a monthly aggregated report of all the underage compliance investigations conducted in the month of October. The ILCC may release results on individual investigations through shorter press releases throughout the month.

The monthly aggregated report lists all of the results of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC) agents, local law enforcement officials and volunteers from high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to minors under the age of 21. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

Below is the bulleted list by location of which establishments violated the law by selling alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Because the visits are random in nature, certain areas of the State are visited at certain times of the year.

**CHAMPAIGN** – October 10th, the ILCC and the Champaign Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 17 licensees checked, *two* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- JOE'S BREWERY, 706 S 5TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820
- FIRE HAUS, 708 S 6TH ST, CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820-0844

**EVANSTON** – October 11th, the ILCC and the Illinois State Police conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 20 licensees checked, *one* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensees was:

• THE STAINED GLASS, 1735 BENSON AVE, EVANSTON, IL 60201-3704

*CHICAGO RIDGE* – October 17th, the ILCC and the Chicago Ridge Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 8 licensees checked, *two* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- JACK DESMOND'S, 10339 S RIDGELAND AVENUE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415
- CHILI'S GRILL & BAR, 9720 RIDGELAND AVE, CHICAGO RIDGE, IL 60415

**MENARD COUNTY** – October 18th, the ILCC and the Menard County Sheriff's Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 9 licensees checked, <u>one</u> sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. That licensees was:

ATHENS VILLAGE MARKET, 100 E HARGRAVE ST, ATHENS, IL 62613-9796

*ALGONQUIN* – October 26th, the ILCC and the Algonquin Police Department conducted underage alcohol checks. Of the 22 licensees checked, *three* sold alcohol to ILCC underage participants. Those licensees were:

- BULLDOG ALE HOUSE, 1520 S RANDALL RD, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102-5920
- ON THE BORDER, 1512 S RANDALL RD, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102-5920
- ALGONQUIN B.P. GAS STATION, 1469 S RANDALL RD, ALGONQUIN, IL 60102-5918 (1 prior violation)

This report is a result of ongoing undercover and cooperative law enforcement operations conducted by agents of the Illinois Liquor Control Commission (ILCC), local law enforcement officials and underage participants recruited from area high schools and colleges. The teams randomly visit liquor stores, restaurants and bars in communities around the state to check for ongoing compliance with state laws mandating that no liquor is sold to persons under 21 years old. ILCC agents also work with local and state law enforcement agents to focus on communities with a high incidence of underage liquor sales.

For information about hearings regarding checks, please visit the Illinois Liquor Control Commission's website:

https://www.illinois.gov/ilcc/Pages/CalendarList.aspx.